

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.

Absent.

Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Potter.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Bill read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Atlee.	McGee.
Burns.	Miller.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	

Nays—2.

Gough.	Grinnan.
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Absent.

Johnson.	Stone.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Morriss.	Yett.
Potter.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Senator Wayland moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.
Tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Chair announced that the hour fixed for the Senate to go into executive session was at hand, and the Senate accordingly went into executive session on the Governor's appointments.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In executive session the following confirmations were had:

BOARD OF MANAGERS, STATE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

David Harrell of Travis county.

A. W. Carpenter of Williamson county.
R. B. Bull of Travis county.
Geo. W. MacDonnell of Travis county.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, BLIND ASYLUM.

J. S. Myrick of Travis county.
W. H. Richardson, Jr., of Travis county.
John O. Johnson of Travis county.
J. A. Patton of Travis county.
W. G. Bell of Travis county.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, DEAF AND DUMB ASYLUM.

J. A. French of Travis county.
Joe Koen of Travis county.
Pat Lochridge of Travis county.
H. P. Hilliard of Travis county.
H. P. Haldeman of Travis county.

On motion of Senator Miller, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, Feb, 3, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Johnson.
Burns.	Kerr.
Davidson.	Linn.
Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	McGee.
Gough.	Miller.
Greer.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Turney.

Absent.

Lewis.	Stafford.
Neal.	Stone.
Odell.	Terrell.
Potter.	Wayland.
Ross.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Senator James moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of obtaining a quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Grinnan.
Burns.	James.
Davidson.	Johnson.
Dibrell.	Kerr.
Goss.	Linn.
Gough.	Lloyd.
Greer.	McGee.

Miller. Stafford.
Morriss. Turney.
Sebastian.

Absent.

Lewis. Stone.
Neal. Terrell.
Odell. Wayland.
Potter. Yett.
Ross.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger. Yantis.
Patterson.

Senators Neal and Odell were announced.

Quorum announced present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator McGee, the same was dispensed with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 3, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 101, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Stonewall county the civil and criminal jurisdiction heretofore belonging to said county under the Constitution and general statutes of the State, and to conform the jurisdiction of the District Court of said county to such change,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 2, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 99, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to create a judicial district in Galveston county additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein, to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts and the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration—

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tion, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass* with the following amendment:

"Amend by striking out the caption of the bill and all of Section 1 of the bill down to and including the word 'Texas,' and insert the following in lieu thereof: 'A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Section 55, creating a judicial district in Galveston county additional to the Tenth Judicial District therein; to be the Fifty-sixth Judicial District; to establish a court and provide for a judge and clerk of such new district; to regulate the venue of the courts of said respective districts and of the disposition of the business therein, and to define the jurisdiction, the boundaries and the terms thereof.'"

"Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

"Section 1. That Article 22, Title IV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, be amended by adding thereto Section 55, and the same shall hereafter read as follows: 'Article 22, Title IV, Section 55.'"

DAVIDSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 1, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, being a joint resolution empowering the Governor of the State of Texas, together with the Commissioner of the General Land Office of said State, to employ four additional clerks, or so many thereof as may be necessary to tabulate the account in the General Land Office between the State of Texas and the permanent school fund; and providing for the ascertainment of the amount of public domain of the State of Texas at the time of the adoption of the Constitution of 1876, and what has been done with same, and showing the present condition of the account between the State of Texas and the permanent school fund growing out of their interests, and making an appropriation therefor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 2, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 97, being "An Act to be entitled 'An Act to amend Section 24, Chapter 5, of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,' approved June 16, 1897, relating to sheriffs' fees,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 31, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 45, being "An Act to amend Article 4471, of Chapter 8, Title XCVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, of 1895, so as to permit railroads and other corporations having the right of eminent domain to enter upon and take possession of property sought to be condemned pending litigation, upon the payment or security of the award of the commissioners appointed to appraise, and costs; and the deposit of money sufficient to cover additional damages that may be adjudged, and the giving of a bond for further costs; and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 2, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 41, being 'An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for payment of expenses in support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1897, and ending February 28, 1899,'

And find the same correctly engrossed.
JAMES, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the Panhandle Railway, and to operate the same under the charter of the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, as a part of its own line, with the right to extend the same, and to construct branches therefrom, by amend-

ment of its charter, under the general laws of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Sebastian:

Senate bill No. 112, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting a pension to Hardy W. B. Price, a San Jacinto veteran."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 113, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of 'An Act to establish a uniform system of school books, etc.'"

Read and referred to Committee on Education.

Call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define libel and privileged communications and publications, and to more effectually secure the liberty of the press, and to prevent abuses in exercising such liberty of the press," action being on engrossment.

Senator Greer requested that the bill be read in full.

Pending the reading, on motion of Senator Linn further consideration was postponed and the bill made special order for Monday next after call.

Senator Turney called up from the table, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to set apart and appropriate to the permanent school fund of the State of Texas all of the lands heretofore or hereafter recovered from railway companies or other persons, firms or corporations; and to provide for the disposing of the same," action being on engrossment.

By Senator Goss:

"Amend by inserting before the word 'but,' in line 1, page 2, of the printed bill the following: 'And when any of such lands at the time of such recovery were owned by any one by purchase from such person, firm or corporation, such owner shall have a preference right for a period of ninety days from and after the taking effect of this act to purchase from the State such portion of said land, or so much thereof as he may be entitled to purchase under the law, and on the terms as authorized by law, upon his furnishing satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of his said ownership.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Grinnan:
 "Amend Section 1 by adding, 'if it should hereafter develop that the State is indebted to the general school fund for land appropriated or sold by it, this is construed as a transfer in part payment thereof.'"

No quorum, the following voting:

Yeas—16.

Davidson.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Gough.	Morriss.
Greer.	Neal.
Grinnan.	Odell.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Linn.	Turney.

Nays—4.

Atlee.	Goss.
Burns.	McGee.

Absent.

Lewis.	Stone.
Potter.	Terrell.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Senator Grinnan moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of obtaining a quorum.

No quorum, the following answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Morriss.
Gough.	Neal.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Turney.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

Senator Sebastian moved to adjourn to Monday, 10 a. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Greer.	Morriss.
Kerr.	Sebastian.
Linn.	Stafford.
Miller.	

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Goss.
Burns.	Gough.
Davidson.	Grinnan.
Dibrell.	James.

Lloyd.	Odell.
McGee.	Turney.
Neal.	

Absent.

Johnson.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Wayland.
Potter.	Yett.
Ross.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Yantis.
Patterson.	

It appearing that a quorum could not be obtained, on motion of Senator Linn the Senate adjourned to 9:45 a. m. Monday.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Monday, Feb. 6, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	

Absent.

Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Potter.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Patterson.
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Senator James moved call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Davidson.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
James.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	

Absent.

Dibrell.	Gough.
Goss.	Johnson.